

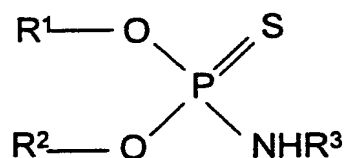
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The invention thus relates to~~ A method for the flotation of sulfide ores is disclosed.

The method comprises contacting the sulfide ores with a composition for the flotation  
~~of sulfide ores~~ comprising at least one compound of the formula



where

$\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  independently of one another are alkyl groups having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl groups having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, or alkylaryl groups having 7 to 10 carbon atoms.